

# LOUISIANA OFFICE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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## THE NEW FACE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

JUVENILE JUSTICE TOP PRIORITY IN BLANCO ADMINISTRATION

Settlement Agreement  
End In Sight

New Service Placements  
Open at Community Level

Juvenile Justice Master Plan  
Underway

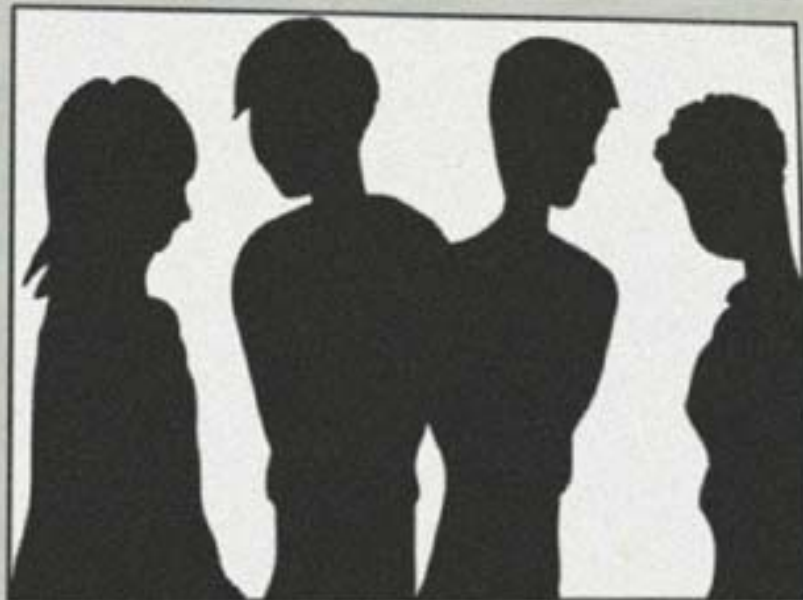
Reforms on Right Track

Education Model Gains  
National Attention

Blanco Creates Firewall

Louisiana Selected For  
National Policy Academy

Blanco: Give System Options  
For Juveniles



JUVENILES EXCEL IN  
REHAB PROGRAMS

# THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

## WHO ARE WE?

The Office of Youth Development is a quality system of care assisting youth, along with families, in redirecting their lives towards responsible citizenship.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

The Office of Youth Development provides at-risk and delinquent youth the opportunity to become responsible and productive citizens using partnerships with families, communities, and entities with attention to the ultimate safety of youth and public.

### OYD OPERATES THREE JUVENILE SECURE CARE FACILITIES

Servicing 519 Youth (487 Boys, 32 Girls)

### SECURE CARE POPULATION HAS DECREASED

By 41% Since August 31, 2003

## REFORM FOCUSED

### SERVING YOUTH

5 new specialized treatment programs. Education model nationally recognized. Facility renovations underway to adopt softer, home-like settings more conducive to rehabilitation.

### STRENGTHENING STAFF

Upgrading professional staff positions.  
On-going training focused on changing our culture.  
Partnering with higher education to assist with recruitment and retention.

### GROWING COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS/PARTNERSHIPS

Almost 300 new community placements. Planning underway to develop small community-based regional pilot programs. Seeking to develop mentoring programs with faith-based community and other interested community groups.

### PLANNING FOR PROGRESS

Strategic plan to be developed using best models in the country. Target in sight to request dismissal from federal Settlement Agreement.

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